

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel the claims 1 - 11 as filed and, insert therefore new claims 12 - 22

as follows:

- -What is claimed is:

12. (New) A semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel with floodable and freeable bottom and side tanks for loading and unloading cargo in accordance with the float-on/float-off and/or roll-on/roll-off method, the cargo vessel comprising:

a forebody, a stern, at least one electric azimuth rudder propeller, a loading area, diesel engines as main machines and part of a diesel-electric drive system and arranged in the forebody, upper and lower tanks in which the attitude can be trimmed with respect to the cargo by introducing water ballast into the upper and lower tanks, and a transverse thrust device in the forebody in order to improve the maneuverability, whereby the diesel-electric drive system provides power to the at least one electric azimuth rudder propeller arranged under the stern, the loading area is embodied as a planar transport platform, and the at least one azimuth rubber propeller permitting, together with the transverse thrust device, provides precise position control during lowering, even when there is a considerable wind force.

13. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 12, wherein the azimuth rudder propeller is embodied as an azimuthing double rudder propeller.

14. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 13,

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wherein the transverse thrust device is driven electrically.

15. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 14, wherein the transverse thrust device can be controlled from a central navigation console in the wheelhouse and from two bridge side wings.

16. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 15, wherein the flooding and freeing of the bottom and side tanks can be controlled from a control console on the rear side of the wheelhouse.

17. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 16, wherein switching and signaling boards are accommodated in a sound-insulated machine control room.

18. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 17, wherein the main machines are provided with sound dampers.

19. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 18, wherein the diesel engines can be operated with heavy oil having a viscosity of approximately 3,500 s Redwood.

20. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 19, wherein diesel engines which can be operated with marine diesel oil are provided as auxiliary machines.

21. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 20, wherein the auxiliary machines are installed on a vibration-damped base.

22. (New) The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel of claim 21, wherein the exhaust gas line of the drive system is movably arranged. - -

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